

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convinced you? Challenged you? Confused you?
2. One purpose of the Bible is to bring people into a saving relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Has that purpose been accomplished in your life? How do you know?
3. What do these verses say about the dual authorship of Scripture?  
*Psalm 95/Hebrews 3:7-11 — 1 Thessalonians 2:13 —*  
*1 Corinthians 14:36-37 — 2 Timothy 3:16 —*  
*Colossians 1:25 — 2 Peter 1:20-21 —*
4. Does the fact that we don't have any original manuscripts bother you? Why? Does the fact that 37 of Shakespeare's plays have no surviving original copies and that there are missing sections of every one of his works bother you? Why?
5. How many ancient manuscripts of the NT do textual critics have available?
6. How can the Bible be God's Word when John states that Jesus is *the Word (John 1:1)*?
7. Has anyone ever asked you about an alleged error in the Bible? What was it and how did you answer?
8. If a neighbor were to tell you that he didn't believe the Bible because it is full of errors, how would you respond?
9. When reading the Bible, do you look at the footnotes dealing with text variants? Why or why not?
10. When faced with apparent contradictions in the Bible (i.e. *2 Samuel 8:4* and *1 Chronicles 18:4*) or with notes that say the oldest and best manuscripts don't include a portion of our Bible (i.e. *Mark 16:9-20*; *John 7:53-8:11*; *1 John 5:7*) is your faith shaken? Why or why not?
11. When we claim that the Bible is inerrant what do we mean?
12. If we believe the Bible is inerrant has it become an idol to us? Explain.



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*Sermon*  
Notes

# THE BIBLE IS

A COLLECTION



*The Bible is the authoritative collection of works given by God to humanity. The Bible, then, is what we call a canon, a complete and authoritative collection of one person's written works.*

COMPOSED OF TWO TESTAMENTS

*The most significant division in the Bible is the division between two Testaments, or two smaller collections of writing: The Old Testament and the New Testament.*



A STORY



*The complete collection of God's revelation to humanity is in the form of story—the story of what God is accomplishing in this world.*

ABOUT JESUS

*The focus and hero of the Bible is Jesus. In some way, every part of the Bible points forward to Christ or points back to him.*



GOD'S WORD



*God is present in and through the Bible in a special way so that he continues to speak to us today. His voice reaches out to us today through the Bible.*

COMPLETE

*God has spoken and given us the Bible, and there is no reason to believe that he will ever add to it. What he means to tell us he has told us.*



TRUSTWORTHY



*Because the Bible originates with God, it reflects the character of God. For that reason, we can believe that the Bible is without error and perfectly reliable. What God says is true.*